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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1975/11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the company which is entrusted with the oil exploration activities in the Mannar Basin in Sri Lanka and the name of the country to which that company belongs; and
 - (ii) of the conditions included in the agreement signed for the drilling of oil wells?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Sri Lankan government has not been able to supervise any activity connected to drilling of oil wells in Mannar Basin or to take any decision relevant to it; and
 - (ii) under the aforesaid situation, problems have arisen with regard to the transparency of the agreement relevant to the drilling of oil wells?
- (c) If not, why?

2206/11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Cabinet Ministers at present and their names;
 - (ii) the total of budgetary allocations to the aforesaid Ministries for the year 2012;
 - (iii) the aforesaid allocation in terms of a percentage of the GDP;
 - (iv) the total number of people working in those Ministries ; and
 - (v) the total cost per Ministry per month?

(2)

- (b) Will he also state whether any of the aforesaid Ministries could be abolished or reduced ?
- (c) If not, why?

2437/12

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number;
 - (ii) the names and present places of employment; and
 - (iii) whether applications were called prior to making the appointments;
of the acting directors of education covering duties of the offices of directors of education in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service ?
- (b) Will he also state separately with relevance to those appointed as acting directors—
 - (i) the previous places of employment;
 - (ii) the classes and grades of Sri Lanka Teachers' Service or Sri Lanka Principals' Service;
 - (iii) the professional and academic qualifications; and
 - (iv) by whom the appointments were made?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) officers covering duties of the office of directors can not be appointed as per the circular of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service; and
 - (ii) only the Public Services Commission has the authority to make acting appointments for the posts in the aforesaid service ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of permanent vacancies available in the above service at present; and
 - (ii) whether suitable officers will be recruited to fill the aforesaid vacancies by calling for applications through Gazette Notification as per the service circular ?
- (e) If not, why ?

2499/12

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

(i) if action has been taken as per the statement made by the former Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development Hon. P. Dayaratna in the Parliament on 7th October 2010 to the effect that production activities of the Hingurana Sugar Factory would commence in the year 2011, the amount of sugar produced per day at present at the aforesaid factory; and

(ii) if sugar production has not been commenced, the reasons for same?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) the total number of employees (in the planting division and the factory) working at the Hingurana Sugar Factory ;

(ii) separately, the aforesaid number of employees as per each post; and

(iii) whether action has been taken to pay their salaries, allowances, provident fund etc. properly ?

(c) If not, why?

2975/12

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that due to the irresponsible action of the educational authorities, a test paper which had been given in the year 2009 has been given again for the year 2012 second school term test of the Matara education zone ?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the reasons for the emergence of such problematic situations in the field of education; and

(ii) whether action will be taken with regard to the officials who are responsible for such situations ?

(c) If not, why ?

3170/12

6.

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) a pledge has been given on many occasions that a sum of Rs. 50,000/= will be given to each person to be resettled, in instalments of Rs. 5,000/=, Rs. 20,000/= and Rs. 25,000/= ; and

(ii) details and signatures have been obtained from many persons to the effect that this allowance would be given ?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether this Rs. 50,000/= allowance has been fully paid to all the resettled persons as per the pledge mentioned above; and
- (ii) if not, whether an uninterrupted program will be implemented to give the aforesaid amount of money to those people, who are undergoing difficulties ?

(c) If not, why ?

1976/11

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the Nebada Kendakaduwa Rural Hospital situated in Kalutara District, has faced with the risk of being closed down as a result of the shortages of physical and human resources that exist at that hospital?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to remedy the existing shortcomings expeditiously and provide a better health service to the people of the area ;
- (ii) whether plans have been made for that ;
- (iii) if so, whether provisions have been allocated for that ; and
- (iv) of the amount of money so allocated?

(c) If not, why?

2208/11

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state in relation to the Development Lotteries Board for the last 5 years on per year basis—

- (i) the total capital and reserves employed;
- (ii) the profit or loss;
- (iii) the total staff, cost and profit per employee; and
- (iv) the deduction or levies paid to the government?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether any money of the Development Lotteries Board has been written off for the last 5 years;
- (ii) if so, the amount written off;
- (iii) for what reason it was done; and
- (iv) as to when it was occurred?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Development Lotteries Board could have efficiently used the money better than the way they were used for last 5 years;
 - (ii) if so, as to how it is done; and
 - (iii) if not, as to why it is not so?
- (d) If not, why?

2438/12

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of expectant mothers admitted per month to the teaching hospital at Mahamodara in Galle, which is a main maternity hospital in the Southern Province;
 - (ii) whether the labour rooms in the aforesaid hospital are sterilized;
 - (iii) the number of infant deaths that occurred in the premature baby unit of the aforesaid hospital during the period from January to March in 2012; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the aforesaid infant deaths?
- (b) Will he assure that the lives of the babies that receive treatment at the premature baby unit of the Mahamodara hospital are safe and the staff of the aforesaid unit perform their duties with responsibility ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to uplift the condition of the aforesaid hospital in order to avoid unfortunate incidents like the deaths of infants, which occur due to the shortcomings of the hospital; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2500/12

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that proposals /applications had been called in March 2011 to hand over the Kanthale sugar factory to private sector investors under the long term lease system in order to be restructured;

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Kanthale sugar factory has been handed over to a private sector investor by now;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the transfer took place, the institution, company or investor that it was transferred to;
 - (iii) of the price at which the transfer was done; and
 - (iv) of the conditions pertaining to the transfer of that factory ?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to start the sugar production in the aforesaid factory by now;
 - (ii) the expected daily production capacity; and
 - (iii) the reasons if production has not yet been started ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1977/11

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a plan to close down the Upcountry Service (Kandurata Sevaya) Broadcasting Channel located on the Pushpadana Mawatha in Kandy ;
 - (ii) whether there is a plan to give its buildings to the hostel of a nearby girls' school after its closure?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether he admits that the closure of the above Broadcasting Channel by the government as per (a) (i) above, is a breach of the promise given by the government that it will not close down state institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

2241/12

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state for the years 2010 and 2011 separately—
 - (i) the total cost incurred for renting buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Defence and Urban Development;
 - (ii) the rate per square foot and the period of lease or rent of each building separately;
 - (iii) the total amount spent on renting or leasing of vehicles from entities not belonged to the Ministry;
 - (iv) the total number of vehicles rented or leased;
 - (v) the other services outsourced by the Ministry ;
 - (vi) the cost incurred for the aforesaid services outsourced;
 - (vii) the total staff strength of the Ministry; and
 - (viii) the number of persons contracted on outsourced basis?
- (b) If not, why?

2504/12

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there are a number of shortages of physical and human resources in Janakapura Vidyalaya situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the shortages of physical and human resources in Janakapura Vidyalaya ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to overcome the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of containers of imported pesticides that were temporarily or permanently prohibited from release by the Customs from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) separately of the reasons that led to such a prohibition on each of the occasions such prohibition was made;
 - (iii) of the companies that have imported the containers of pesticides which were prohibited from release;
 - (iv) whether the Customs have recently released 14 containers of imported pesticides without a proper inspection; and
 - (v) if so of the person in authority who granted approval for the release of the aforesaid containers ?
- (b) If not, why ?

15.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there has not been any response up to now, with regard to the financial frauds that have been committed by the management of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, eventhough the relevant officials have made submissions with documentary proof to the authorities concerned?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a report will be submitted, inclusive of the correct statistics of the amount of money that has been defrauded by the management of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation by now, and the number of times that frauds have been so committed;
 - (ii) the reasons for not taking action so far against officials involved in financial frauds, by the relevant authorities ; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken against the corrupt officials of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation without allowing them to embezzle public money?
- (c) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 19.03.2013, the hours of sitting this day shall be as specified in the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Resettlement Authority (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the President, under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1789/9 of 17th December 2012, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Finance Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Tax Appeals Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Notaries (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

Registration of Documents (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*12.

Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Strategic Development Projects (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 3C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as last amended by Act, No. 17 of 2011 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1793/5 of 15th January 2013, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1794/9 of 22nd January 2013, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1794/10 of 22nd January 2013, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or of corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— That this Parliament determines that the salary of Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, the incumbent Auditor-General appointed with effect from 15.08.2011 shall be as follows in terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

That this Parliament further determines that Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, Auditor-General shall be placed on the salary point of Rs. 48,940/- which is the 2nd step in the salary scale of SL-4-2006, with effect from 15.08.2011 when he was appointed to the said post and that he be paid the other allowances relevant to the post and such annual salary increments as specified in the salary scale.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1616/23 of 24th August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08th September 2011) Motion made and question proposed,— “Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (2) of Section 7 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 42 of 2007, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1708/5 of 30th May 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

*23.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1735/21 of 06th December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

24.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

25.

State Employees' Development Finance Corporation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

26.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

27.

Bodhirajarama Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
